the prenatal stage against the girl child which would lead to shortfall in number of females in the population, the Government has enacted the Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994.

Rural Electrification in Jharkhand

†2696. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Jharkhand had assigned the work of rural electrification to Rail India Technical and Engineering Service Ltd. (RITES);

(b) whether RITES after getting the above assignment had allotted this work to some other private company to carry out the same;

(c) whether the Government of Jharkhand has recently cancelled that contract;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the status of that contract at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) RITES Ltd., based on a pre-bid memorandum of understanding, awarded the work of supply and erection to M/s Ramjee Power Construction Limited, Ranchi, while retaining the project management with itself.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Jharkhand State Electricity Board has reduced the volume of the work from original 4923 number of villages to 1848 number of villages due to availability of cheaper funds now under Rajeev Gandhi Village Electrification Programme of Central Government. RITES has completed electrification of about 500 villages so far, upon detection of a forgery committed by M/s Ramjee Power Construction Limited (RPCL), in submission of bank guarantees, RITES have terminated the contract with

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

M/s RPCL. It has been planned to execute the balance work at the risk and cost of M/s RPCL. M/s RPCL have filed a petition in Hon'ble High Court of Delhi seeking stay order against RITES Limited for termination of the contract and award of contract for execution of balance work to any other agency. Final judgement of Court in this regard is awaited.

Vacancies in Railways

2697. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased
to state:

(a) the details of vacant posts in Railways and its subordinate offices of the country as on 30th November, 2005, division-wise, post-wise and category-wise; and

(b) by when these vacant posts will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Dedicated freight corridor

2698. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the new 60,000 crores Railways' proposal for a dedicated freight corridor along the Golden Quadrilateral;

(b) whether the Cabinet has cleared the proposal; and

(c) the details of the projects that would be taken up in the Orissa State to speed up freight movement under the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Ministry of Railways is examining the feasibility of developing dedicated multi-modal high axle load freight corridors with computerized train control system on Mumbai-Delhi and Delhi-Howrah routes. Ministry of Railways has assigned a detailed feasibility study to M/s. RITES (Rail India Technical and Engineering Services), a public sector enterprise under this Ministry.